Mission Statement

Our vision is for all adoptable animals at the Jackson Country Animal Shelter to find a loving home.

Our mission is to recruit and train volunteers who will save lives by increasing pet adoptions at the Jackson Country Animal Shelter, improve the quality of life for the Shelter’s animals, promote spay and neuter, and facilitate outreach and educational activities about the humane treatment of companion animals throughout Jackson County.

Our values are: Service, Compassion and Generosity

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PUSS ‘N BOOTS COSTUME BALL & AUCTION

October is just around the corner, and with it brings rain, cooler temperatures and a crisp feel to the air. It also brings “the Best Halloween Party in the Valley” — our 24th annual Puss ‘n Boots Costume Ball & Auction at the Historic Ashland Armory, which raises funds to find homes for the animals at the Jackson County Animal Shelter.

Join us on Saturday, October 24th for an evening of frolicking and fun starting at 6:00 pm.

Tickets are still $45.00 and include dinner and dessert catered by Café Dejeuner, and dancing to the tunes of Bathroom Gin Serenaders. Spay/Neuter Your Pet (SNYP) will again offer a no-host wine and beer bar, with money raised going directly to spaying and neutering non-Shelter animals throughout Jackson County (bringing down the number of animals surrendered to the Shelter).

Of course, we’ll have fabulous items for bid in the silent and live auctions, plus an opportunity to donate toward our fabulous volunteer-supported programs that are saving lives at the Shelter.

Silent auction items include dinners and services, wine, beautiful one-of-a-kind items, pottery, and treasures in time for the holidays — with all money going to save lives.

Some of the Live Auction items include:
- A one-of-a-kind animal-themed quilt
- Dinner with veteran OSF actors
- A one-week stay in beautiful Arcadia
- A case of delicious wine

And, what’s a Halloween party without a costume contest? You are a creative and talent bunch of revelers, and we look forward to seeing what you come up with (individually or as a group) this year!

Please come prepared to raise your bidder number during the DOG PADDLE portion of the evening to make a 100% deductible donation to support our mission of increasing pet adoption, improving the quality of life for our animals, promoting spay/neuter, and supporting our foster program. Programs include:
- The Pit Crew (specialty training for “bully breeds” — making them more adoptable)
- Project Street Dogs (spaying/neutering animals owned by homeless people)
- 2-Fur-1 kitty adoption (FOTAS pays for the 2nd adoption)
- Our new Playing for Life playgroups for dogs, which eliminates boredom for the dogs, and keeps them calm and ready for adoption

Puss ‘n Boots sells out every year, so get your tickets NOW. Tickets available:
- On-line at www.fotas.org
- Paddington Station in Ashland

For more information, or to become an event Sponsor, please call Eliza at (541) 482-8172.
G U S (now CASH) In May 2014, a 100 lb., 4-year-old American Bulldog/Mastiff mix, arrived at the Shelter as a stray. We named him Gus, and he was quickly adopted, but returned, then adopted again in July, but returned as a stray a year later in July 2015. He was adopted once more, but returned yet again. Seems Gus doesn’t like kids or cats, but does like to get out of the yard!

Just as things were beginning to look bleak for Gus’s chances of finding a permanent home, his original owner (pre-May 2014) saw a photo of him and came to the Shelter to claim him! Back in May 2014, he went out of town and left Gus (whose real name is Cash) to stay with a relative. When he returned, he was told a vague story that someone had stolen him. Unfortunately, he didn’t check the Shelter.

Recently he decided it was time to get another dog, and came across Gus’s photo online! Turns out his owner lives alone, has no cats or kids, and has a fenced yard that keeps Gus confined and safe. It just goes to show that dogs really are meant to end up in the right home!

R O C K Y Regal Rocky, a 3-year-old Tuxedo, waited patiently at the Shelter for almost three months, hoping for a new home. He is a friendly and funny boy; we took countless photos of him; posted videos; he was a Fabulous Featured Feline, and we talked him up all the time — to no avail.

Finally in August, a FOTAS volunteer who had recently lost the kitty she and her husband had loved for years, decided that funny Rocky was just the boy they wanted. After three days of ignoring his new family members, but carefully checking out the entire house, Rocky decided he was definitely home, and became the cuddle cat his new owners were hoping for.

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Gus is proof that “there’s no place like home.”

Rocky took his time finding the right home … with a FOTAS volunteer.

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LEXI In April 2015, Lexi entered the Shelter as a stray Lynx point cat in a trap. She had runny eyes, was flea infested, and her front paws had been declawed. She also limped and appeared to be in pain, which we found out was from two breaks in a leg that had not healed well.

The vet needed to amputate the leg to relieve the pain, but the cost was $650, which is a lot for the Shelter to spend to save the life of one cat. Barbara Talbert, the Shelter Manager, put out a challenge to FOTAS—if we could contribute $300 towards Lexi’s surgery, the Shelter would pay the rest of her medical expenses. Thanks to the generosity of our volunteers and FOTAS Facebook friends, $828 was donated by 23 donors, which meant there was money left over to help the next cat with a significant medical need.

Volunteers continued to care for Lexi after her surgery at the Shelter, making sure she got the rest she needed, and then helped her learn how to balance and walk on three legs, which she picked up quickly. Before the end of May, Lexi was healed, pain free and happily in her new home.

TANK (now BARNEY) A big, strong, handsome, 3-year-old Pit Bull mix we named Tank entered the Shelter at the end of December 2014 as a stray. He was adopted, but quickly returned. He was adopted a month later by a young man and his father. Unfortunately, their house burned down and Tank went missing soon after. Two months later, he showed up at the Shelter again as a stray.

After a month, he was adopted to an older couple in Josephine County, looking for an “outside dog.” Although that situation is not ideal for adoption, Tank needed out of the Shelter. His new owners have lots of property and they wanted a watch dog that would keep the deer away. Well, it turns out that Tank (now Barney), is great at chasing deer, but ended up being a real “homebody” who sleeps inside, and quickly found a way into their hearts and home!
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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

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ADOPTION OUTREACH

Sometime people don’t feel comfortable in the Shelter environment, so Friends of the Animal Shelter volunteers take adoptable pets “off-site” to adoption events in partnership with sponsors like PetSmart, Grange Co-op Pet Country, and Ashland Ace Hardware. Lots of pets find their new homes at an outreach event.

PROJECT STREET DOGS

This is a new initiative to support local homeless citizens with animals by providing leashes, collars, food and free spay/neuter services. This helps keep the animals healthy and safe, while preventing unplanned litters.

SPAY & NEUTER INITIATIVE

Preventing unwanted litters is our first line of defense. Jackson County Animal Shelter is a spay/neuter-before-adoption facility, which ultimately reduces Shelter populations. Friends of the Animal Shelter also provides financial support to Spay/Neuter Your Pet (SNYP) and their low-cost spay/neuter campaigns for non-Shelter pets throughout the year.